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1. In order to be permitted to leave Bucharest and travel to one of the frontier zones, a Rumanian citizen must obtain a travel permit from his Raion Militia Commander. The form requesting approval for travel to border areas contain the following information: 25X1

a. Comrade Commander:

The undersigned _____ living at _____ employed at _____ which is located at _____, requests approval for travel to _____, in _____ Regiune for the following reasons:

1. Personal: (Death in the family, other important family matters, trial).
2. In the interests of the office.

La lupta pentru pace!
 (Let Us Fight For Peace)

(signature)

Addressed to: Raion Militia Commander
 _____ Raion

- b. The application is made according to a typewritten formula, posted in each Militia Raion Office. The application is made on plain white paper and is not stamped. Two photographs must accompany the application. There is usually a lapse of 15 to 20 days while awaiting the results of the correspondence between the Bucharest militia office and the provincial office. If approval is granted, a stamp is affixed to the "population bulletin" (buletinul). Upon reaching his destination, the traveler must go to the

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militia office to have his booklet stamped again. In case the travel is of an official nature, a duplicate form must be made and both the original and duplicate are signed by the respective official.

2. In traveling to Turnu Severin, the train route usually passes through Pitesti. The railroad station is located on the right, as the train enters the station. Many persons board the train in Pitesti. The next principal stop is Piatra-Olt. The train route passes through Slatina, a small station on the right, and then arrives in Craiova, a principal city in the region. Railroad personnel and a militia post may be seen in the Craiova station. As a rule there are no identification proceedings and travelers may board or leave the train without difficulty. Travelers may leave freely through the main gate of the station by showing only their railroad ticket stubs. The next stop on the route is Filias, which is a town of no particular significance. The next stop is Strehaia, which is the place where the train check usually starts, especially for those who hold tickets for Balota, Simian, Turnu Severin, Orsova, and Baia Herculane. The officials conducting the inspection require that the "population booklet" (buletinul de populatie) and the train ticket be shown. Persons traveling to one of the border zones are required to show their travel permit as well. All military personnel, whether officers or enlisted men, pass inspection easily without being requested to identify themselves. All train checks are made by uniformed militia men, accompanied by the regular train personnel.
3. All raion centers in Bucharest have a rectangular glass plate outside the door which is lighted at night and which bears the following in black letters:

Ministry of Internal Affairs
 _____ Militia Raion

There is a militia man posted outside the entrance to the militia raion headquarters. He asks all visitors the nature of their call. Visitors who are there to receive a permit or to go to the "controlul strainilor" (visitors' control office), are immediately allowed to pass. A list of the militia raions in Bucharest is as follows:

- a. Stalin Raion: Located on former Strada Goga Cantacuzino, now known as Alexandru Sahia, in the vicinity of the People's Council headquarters for the 1 Mai Raion.
- b. Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Raion: Located behind the Cismigiu Lake on Strada Stirbey Voda, near Strada Luigi Cassavillan.
- c. Grivita Rosie Raion: Located on Bulevardul Bucurestii Noi, the second stop after the Constanta bridge, when taking the No. 6 streetcar. It is near the Dacia Cotton Spinning Mills.
- d. Lenin Raion: Located behind the Republicii stadium, formerly known as ANEF, on the other side of the former Military School for Infantry Officers.
- e. Tudor Vladimirescu Raion: Located on Strada Sf. Ionica, near the Natiumii Square, and the first block after Strada Calarasi.
- f. 23 August Raion: Located on Strada Agriculturii. To reach, take streetcar No. 25 and get off directly in front of the building.
- g. 1 Mai Raion: To reach, take streetcar No. 16 from the former Aro movie theater, now called Sala Patria, and go towards the Obor market. The building is on the left.

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- h. N. Balcescu Raion: Located on Strada Servan Voda, near the Natiunii Square. Take streetcar No. 12 from the Regie building or the North Station and streetcar No. 21 from the Natiunii Square.



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